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**ALASKA STATEHOOD CELEBRATION COMMISSION ANNOUNCES
STATEWIDE LOGO COMPETITION**

(Anchorage) The Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission today released information regarding a statewide competition to create a logo for the upcoming 50th anniversary of statehood. Governor Frank H. Murkowski recently appointed a group to research, plan and prepare for a celebration commemorating Alaska's admission as the 49th state in the United States. Alaska became a state on January 3, 1959 and activities will be planned statewide during 2008, culminating with a grand finale on January 3, 2009.

The competition to create the logo will run from August 15-October 31, 2005. The chosen logo will belong exclusively to the State of Alaska and no prize will be awarded, but the artist will be given recognition during the event as well as the years leading up to the celebration.

"We wanted to open this competition to everyone in the state," said Gail Phillips, Chairwoman of the Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission. "Professional artists as well as young students will all be given a chance to show what this important milestone means to us as Alaskans." The logo will be used exclusively in all advertising and merchandizing for the celebration and should be designed to work in a variety of mediums and sizes, she said.

The Commission, in conjunction with the Alaska State Council on the Arts, plans to announce the winning artist and design by late November.

To receive information, criteria and entry requirements for the competition, please go to www.alaska50.net or contact Patricia Swenson, 269-8100 or The

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